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New Officers to Lead Virginia Commission for National & Community Service

Richmond -- The Board of Commissioners for the Virginia Commission for National and Community Service has elected new officers.

- Dr. Quentin Kidd of Newport News was named commission chairman. Dr. Kidd is an assistant professor at Christopher Newport University.
- The Rev. Anderson Clary Jr. of Hampton will continue as commission vice chairman. He is pastor of Queen Street Baptist Church.
- Charles Firestone of Virginia Beach became commission treasurer. Firestone is a long-time volunteer in his community.
- Thomas B.C. Rogers of Richmond will serve as commission secretary. He is the founder of Project Community, a non-profit organization helping at-risk youth and their families.

The Virginia Commission administers AmeriCorps programs in the Commonwealth, and promotes and supports volunteerism and civic engagement in Virginia.

National and state research shows that Virginians volunteer at a consistently higher rate than the national average. A Virginia Quality of Life survey conducted by Virginia Tech in 2003 found that 53 percent of adult Virginians volunteer.

For more information on the commission or volunteering, go to <http://www.vaservice.org> or call 1 (800) 638-3839

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